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April 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

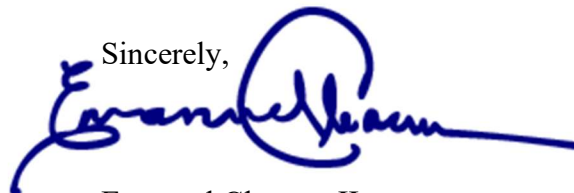
Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Missouri Valley College Health Professions Building in fiscal year 2022.

The project sponsor for this project is Missouri Valley College, and the project is located at 500 East College, Marshall, Missouri 65340

The funding is designated for a new Missouri Valley College Health Professions Building. Missouri Valley College will build a new 17,000 square foot Health Professions Building to house the Nursing Program and ultimately other health care profession programs. The College has outgrown its current space and must expand to address the nursing shortage and provide trained, ready to serve nursing staff, particularly needed within Missouri's rural communities. The new Missouri Valley College Health Professions Building will graduate critically needed nurses to meet state and rural workforce shortages. This is a valuable use of taxpayer money. The pandemic has highlighted the importance of MO's health care workers. Jobs for registered nurses will grow by 19% between 2012 and 2022, compared to the 11% growth average for all occupations, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. In Missouri, nurse occupations have vacancy rates over 7% and more than one-third of the state's RNs are age 55 or older and nearly half are over 55 years of age in some rural counties. This funding will help reduce a nursing shortage in the state and invest in the local and state economy.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,


Emanuel Cleaver, II
Member of Congress